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Israel

France will seek to ensure that Israel's right to exist is universally and unambiguously recognized, President Francois Mitterrand told the Knesset in a speech carried by Paris radio. But he also emphasized that the Palestinians have the right to exist and must decide their own fate on condition they set their rights in the context of respect for the rights of others and use dialogue instead of violence. The PLO, which represents the Palestinian fighters, cannot hope to negotiate so long as it denies Israel's right to exist, but dialogue implies that each party will realize its rights, and for the Palestinians, this may mean a state at the appropriate time, Mitterrand continued. Borders and other conditions should be decided by the negotiators alone, not outside parties, and everything should be negotiable, he maintained.

In a Knesset speech in honor of Mitterrand, carried by Jerusalem radio, Prime Minister Begin called Mitterrand a friend of Israel and said that he will revive the friendship and perhaps even alliance between Israel and France. Begin also said, however, that the main obstacle to such a path is French support for a Palestinian state in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza.

Opposing the view that the "so-called PLO" is the sole legitimate representative of the Arabs who live in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza, Begin described the Palestine National Council Charter as the Arab edition of "Mein Kampf." According to Begin, Fatah Central Committee member Hani al-Hasan told DAVAR's London correspondent a few days ago that the PLO will not be content with a state in the West Bank and Gaza, but will strive to bring about a single Palestine. Al-Hasan reportedly maintained that Zionism is the Devil, the PLO does not negotiate with it and the Zionist entity will not survive for long.

After praising the autonomy plan, Begin outlined the dangers a PLO-ruled state would pose to Israel's existence and denied that either symmetry or justice required establishing a 22d Arab state.

Toward the end of his speech Begin proposed that all Mediterranean states sign a joint charter pledging that no nation will initiate war, that any conflict will be resolved through negotiations and that war will not serve as a political tool, and requested Mitterrand to take the initiative in promoting such a document.

At a joint news conference, reported by Jerusalem radio, Mitterrand said Begin's arguments have not led him to change the views he expressed to the Knesset.

Begin and Mitterrand discussed the situation in Lebanon at a 4 March luncheon reported by IDF radio. Begin pointed to the Syrian "conquest" of Lebanon and the exposed Christian minority, and explained why Israel is assisting it with arms. He expressed the hope that the cease-fire on the Lebanese border will continue forever, but according to Jerusalem radio he emphasized that if the terrorists in Lebanon violate the cease-fire Israel will eliminate them. Begin also proposed continuous French-Israeli links to discuss any threat to the Lebanese Christians from either Syria or the PLO.

At a meeting with Alignment representatives, reported by Jerusalem radio, Mitterrand said it is unthinkable that a million people should live under foreign rule. They need a country, an identity, he emphasized.

Four West Bank mayors met with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson and handed him a memorandum on the Palestine problem, Jerusalem radio reported. The document demands that France reject the Camp David accords, regards French MFO participation as a slap at the Palestinians, proclaims the PLO as the Palestinians' sole representative, and seeks French aid in stopping Israeli actions in the territories.

Egypt

Support for Mitterrand -- Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali welcomed French President Francois Mitterrand's remarks to the Knesset concerning a Palestinian state, MENA reported. Ghali hoped this would encourage Europe to play a positive role that could give impetus to the process of establishing a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Autonomy Committee -- The tripartite working committee on the Palestinian autonomy negotiations concluded its latest round of meetings in Cairo, according to MENA. During the talks, Egypt rejected Israel's view on the security question, MENA noted, affirming that security should be for all parties, including the Palestinians, and not for Israel alone.

Lebanon - PLO

Haddad Warning -- Christian militia leader Maj Sa'd Haddad warned that he will use force if necessary to prevent UNIFIL deploying its reinforcements in the sector between Beaufort Castle and Marj 'Uyun, Jerusalem radio reported. If UNIFIL troops are stationed there, Haddad said, the terrorists will be encouraged to renew firing because it will be harder for Israel to attack them.

Khalaf Speech -- In a speech to a Beirut rally broadcast by the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf deplored the recent spate of car bomb explosions in Lebanon which, he claimed, were financed by the Deuxieme Bureau, Bashir al-Jumayyil and Israel. Asserting that the Palestinians are likewise capable of planting bombs in east Beirut but have not yet done so for humanitarian reasons, Khalaf warned that if the bombings do not cease, explosions will go off everywhere. He also deplored tampering in the Lebanese arena by unspecified Arab intelligence services, accusing them of the recent attempt to blow up Zahir al-Khatib's radio station.

Khalaf also criticized Arab rulers who are preparing Egypt's return to the Arab fold and who think their money can buy the souls, speech and silence of the Palestinians. After warning the Egyptians against executing Khalid Islambuli, Khalaf said the PLO cannot accept the return of Egypt to the Arab fold tied to the peace treaty and the Camp David accords.

Gulf Affairs

A Qatari Government statement broadcast by Doha radio strongly protested Bahrain's actions in naming a new warship the Hawar, which is the name of Qatari-owned islands claimed by Bahrain, and in staging live ammunition naval exercises in waters whose ownership is disputed by Qatar and Bahrain. Asserting that Bahrain has for a long time acted provocatively and aggressively in the dispute over the Hawar Islands and the median line between the Qatari and Bahraini continental shelves, the statement warned that Qatar holds Bahrain responsible for the results of its actions.

Iran

Referring to a U.S. State Department official's announcement that the United States is ready to hold talks with Iran and protect its territorial integrity, the political director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told Tehran radio that the United States has embarked on a new series of plots designed to stigmatize Iran and save "disgraced" Iraqi President Saddam Husayn. Iran needs no assistance from any superpower to safeguard its territorial integrity, the official said, and will hold no such talks with the U.S. Government.

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PROPAGANDA SEMINAR HELD AT INTERIOR MINISTRY

GF031241 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 2 Mar 82

[Text] A seminar of propaganda officials [two words indistinct] center and provinces connected with the affairs of the Interior Ministry opened [word indistinct] at the Interior Ministry today.

The meeting began with the DRA national anthem, after which (?Dr Khaliq), director general of the Political Department of the Interior Ministry, delivered a speech on the promotion, administration and guidance of organs and duties of political and administrative personnel of the Interior Ministry within the context of present day conditions.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that at the meeting the vice (?president) of the Political Department of the Interior Ministry spoke on the art of propaganda and methods through which propaganda is to be carried out within the organs (?under discussion).

According to a source at the Interior Ministry, this 4-day seminar was organized with the aim of improving propaganda work and (?familiarizing) political propagandists with modern methods of propaganda.

TALKS ON RELEASE OF SOVIET ADVISER DEADLOCKED

OW041838 Hong Kong AFP in English 1742 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] Islamabad, 4 Mar (AFP) -- The senior Soviet adviser who was taken prisoner by Afghan rebels 6 months ago is "safe and alive" and his captors have still not decided to kill him despite a stalemate on prisoner exchange talks, Muslim guerrilla leader Maulavi Yunus Khalis told APP [ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN] here today.

Mr Khalis, whose Hezb-e Eslami resistance fighters captured E.M. Okrimyuk, aged 67, through a trap hatched out with the help of the Soviet geologist's driver in Kabul on September 12, 1981, said that the talks held between his party and the International Red Cross have produced no results.

The group holding Okrimyuk at an unknown place "inside Afghanistan" had asked to release the Soviet adviser in exchange of some 50 Muslim rebels arrested in Afghanistan. The talks for his release took place recently after Mr Okrimyuk reportedly cabled messages to his "Kremlin colleagues."

Mr Khalis said he has still not lost hope as "every passing day we are getting to know more and more about Mr Okrimyuk, who claims to be a personal friend of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Nikolay Tikhonov."

"We want to tell the world how much friendly the Soviets are to their friends," he said, adding that the mujahidin did not believe in killing people.

They would watch the Soviet attitude before taking a final decision, he said.

RAO SPEAKS ON U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE, HIJACKERS

BK041555 Hong Kong AFP in English 1025 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] New Delhi, 4 Mar (AFP) -- Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao said in Parliament today that India was still awaiting a Pakistani response to its request for the return of five Sikhs who hijacked an Indian domestic airliner last September.

He said, during question hour in the lower house, that the Pakistani Government had not yet reacted positively to the Indian request.

Recent Islamabad reports said Pakistan was against the Indian plea to hand over the Sikhs, identified as activists of the "Khalistan" (Homeland of the Sikhs) movement in Punjab state bordering Pakistan.

Mr Rao also answered separate questions on Pakistan's nuclear policy and Indian defence personnel believed to be still in prisons in that country.

He recalled the Pakistani assurance to India that it would not manufacture nuclear weapons and said he hoped Pakistan "will abide by this assurance."

About defence personnel, he said the Indian Government was collecting fresh evidence and photographs of missing persons as decided during the then Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi's visit here recently to facilitate a new attempt to locate them.

Answering another question, the foreign minister said that the United States has generally maintained a greater naval presence in the Indian Ocean in recent months.

He reiterated the Indian view that the existence of a foreign military presence in the Indian Ocean "creates tensions and conflicts in our neighbourhood and constitutes a threat to the peace and tranquility of the region as a whole."

GREEK PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS ARRIVES ON VISIT

BK040804 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] President of Greece Konstandinos Karamanlis arrived in New Delhi today from Bombay. He was given a ceremonial welcome. President Sanjiva Reddy, Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi, several Cabinet ministers and diplomats received the distinguished visitor at the airport. Karamanlis was presented a 21-gun salute and an interservices guard of honor.

In his welcome speech, Reddy recalled the ancient ties between India and Greece and underlined their contribution to the world civilization. The president expressed concern on the armament race in the world and hoped India and Greece will continue to work for global peace.

In his reply, Karamanlis said his country shares with India the common faith in the ideals of liberty, justice and peace.

Meets With Gandhi, Rao, Reddy

BK041612 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] India and Greece have expressed their concern over the arms race and the growing gap between the rich and the poor countries. The views were expressed when Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi had wide-ranging discussions with President Karamanlis of Greece in New Delhi today. Mrs Gandhi pointed out the increased foreign presence in the Indian Ocean and the developing tensions in the region. She especially referred to the Iran-Iraq war and the situation in Afghanistan.

About Pakistan, Mrs Gandhi said an important change has taken place with the people of both the nations becoming friendly with each other. They also want peace to prevail between them.

The president of Greece in his observation referred to the strong relations between India and his country. He said peace and prosperity are the two major issues facing the world.

In his discussions with External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao, Karamanlis showed great interest in India's economic development and technical and industrial achievements.

Earlier, President Karamanlis called on President Sanjiva Reddy. They were together for about an hour.

Banquet Addresses

BK050455 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 5 Mar 82

[Text] India and Greece have expressed concern over the insecure international environment threatening mankind and agreed to cooperate in freeing the world from the spirit of confrontation.

Speaking at a banquet hosted in honor of the visiting Greek president, Karamanlis, in New Delhi last night, President Sanjiva Reddy pointed out (?that) cooperation between India and Greece is relevant in the present insecure environment in the world. He said the two countries have the responsibility to speak out in favor of good will and amity.

Describing India and Greece as two fountainheads of civilization who had contacts since time immemorial, Reddy said that at present the cooperation is following a fruitful path.

He expressed the hope that a new beginning will be made in the fields of science and technology, industry, energy and agriculture for the benefit of both the countries.

In his speech, Karamanlis referred to the increasing unrest the world over and said that international peace can be maintained only by absolute respect to the principles of equality, independence and nonintervention. He said a strong and prosperous India is a basic factor for the balance of power in the world and for international peace.

USSR'S GOLDIN SPEAKS ON JOINT SPACE VENTURES

BK041557 Hong Kong AFP in English 1447 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] New Delhi, 4 Mar (AFP) -- Two Indian cosmonauts will take part in a joint Soviet-Indian manned space flight in 2 years' time, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported today.

PTI reports from Chandigarh, capital of the north Indian state of Punjab, quoted visiting Soviet Heavy Industry Minister N.V. Goldin as saying that both New Delhi and Moscow had agreed in principle to carry out such a venture.

"We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Indian pilots in the Soviet Union for necessary acclimatisation and training for the venture," he said.

Mr. Goldin also disclosed that French and Soviet cosmonauts would participate in a similar joint venture in a year's time. French pilots are already undergoing cosmonaut training in the Soviet Union, the reports added.

SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER TO ARRIVE 15 MAR

BK041613 Hong Kong AFP in English 1550 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] New Delhi, 4 Mar (AFP) -- Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Ustinov will make an official visit to India from March 15 to 20, it was officially disclosed here today.

A government spokesman said that during his visit Marshall Ustinov would have exchanges of views with Indian leaders as well as defense service chiefs on matters of mutual interest.

He denied that there would be any discussion of any new Indian military purchases from the Soviet Union.

"Cooperation between the two countries in the military field already exists," he added.

It will be the first visit by a Soviet defense minister to India in 7 years.

The then defense minister, Jagjivan Ram, visited Moscow in 1978.

SUPREME COURT OVERRULES HIGH COURT ON ELECTIONS

BK041618 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] The Supreme Court today vacated the Calcutta High Court stay on the publication of the final electoral rolls in West Bengal. A special Constitution bench headed by the chief justice, Chandrachud, gave this ruling after a day's hearing of the case.

The Constitution bench also transferred to the Supreme Court the writ petition before the Calcutta High Court challenging the preparation of the electoral rolls and certain sections of the representation of the people's act. The writ and the four special leave petitions against the Calcutta High Court's stay order will be taken up for hearing on the 15th of this month.

The court suspended the operation of all the directions of the High Court except the one giving a free hand to the election to dispose of all the statutory complaints made between January the 1st and the 16th this year.

Despite the chief justice, the special Constitution bench comprised Mr Justice B.N. Bhagwati, Mr Justice D.A. Desai, Mr Justice A.P. Sen and Mr Justice B. Islam.

The Constitution bench gave the election commission clearance to proceed with the assembly poll. Earlier, the counsel for the election commission gave an assurance that the electoral rolls would not be published until all the specific complaints and objections filed by political parties and individuals are looked into and disposed of. The counsel also told the bench that the election commission would not make any recommendation to the state governor for issuing notification setting in motion the election process until the 20th of this month. The chief justice said the bench would pass further orders later on this issue.

Earlier, A.K. Sen and four other senior counsels tendered their written apologies to the Supreme Court for their controversial statement before the bench presided over by Mr Justice D.A. Desai. The court also revoked its earlier directive to the press not to publish the statement.

HAQ LEAVES FOR JIDDA ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

BK041728 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq is now on his way to Jidda to attend the meeting of the Islamic community peace committee opening tomorrow to help solve the conflict between Iran and Iraq. The committee, set up by the third Islamic summit, is composed of the presidents of Pakistan, Bangladesh, Guinea and Zambia, the Turkish prime minister, the Senegalese and Malaysian foreign ministers, the PLO chief and the Islamic Conference secretary general.

Before his departure the president expressed the hope that the Islamic community peace committee will be able to bring an end to the fighting. Talking to newsmen at Karachi, he said the war between the two Islamic countries has already brought a lot of suffering to the people of the two countries and loss of valuable lives. He said unfortunately the two sides were sticking to their respective stands. If they show a little flexibility, the war, he said, could be ended and a solution found.

About his talks with Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, President Mohammad Ziaul Haq said Pakistan enjoyed the best of relations with Jordan. He also had personal relations with King Husayn and the crown prince and it had always been a pleasure to meet and exchange views with them.

The president said Prince Hassan is devoted to the welfare of his country and the whole Islamic world. His meeting with the scientists, intellectuals and economists centered around the theme how best the Muslim countries could pool their resources for the economic and technical development and intellectual progress of the Muslim community and how effectively the Islamic world could face the Israeli threat.

The president was received and later seen off at Karachi by Sind Governor Lt Gen S.M. Abbasi, adviser on health Dr Basharat Jazbi and senior civil and military officials. The president was accompanied by Secretary General of Foreign Affairs S. Shahnawaz.

CHIEF JUSTICE HALIM NAMED ACTING PRESIDENT

BK050335 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 5 Mar 82

[Text] Justice Mohammad Halim, the chief justice, will be the acting president during President Haq's absence from the country and Gen Mohammad Iqbal Khan, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be the acting chief martial law administrator.

MASHRIQ: KGB TRAINS AL-ZULFIQAR MEMBERS IN KABUL

GF041250 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 28 Feb 82 p 6

[Text] Peshawar, 27 Feb (MNA) -- According to reports received, the Al-Zulfiqar terrorist headquarters in Kabul has been moved into the U.S. AID building. Previously, the headquarters was in a local hotel where the organization also had its offices. The terrorist organization occupied six rooms in the hotel. Because of a shortage of space, it was decided to move the headquarters to another site.

It has been revealed that the Al-Zulfiqar terrorists are being trained by the Soviet intelligence organization KGB.

GOVERNMENT REJECTS U.S. PROPOSALS FOR TALKS

LD042004 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] Referring to the remarks made by an official of the U.S. State Department about American readiness to hold talks with the Iranian Government and to protect Iran's territorial integrity, the political director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in an interview given to our correspondent, said:

The United States has been hatching plots ever since the victory of Iran's Islamic revolution. For the most part, these plots fall into two categories: military and political. Among the military plots have been such things as the attack on Tabas, attempted coups d'etat and various acts of terrorism, all of which fortunately ended in fiasco. The same goes for the political plots hatched against the revolution, including utilizing such people as Bani-Sadr and Rajavi and embarking on an extensive propaganda campaign alleging that we purchased weapons from the regime occupying Jerusalem. These too, by the grace of God, all came to nothing. Fortunately, the latter political plot, concerning the alleged purchase of arms from the regime occupying Jerusalem, was neutralized by Foreign Minister Velayati's activities at the United Nations and the condemnation of that regime's latest aggression.

However, the point to be made is that the United States has embarked on a new series of political plots in order to stigmatize the Islamic Republic of Iran while saving Saddam, who has been disgraced. As you may well know, the United States' relations with Saddam have recently expanded to a significant degree. Iraq has even been deleted from the embargo list so that Saddam can officially and openly make use of U.S. military and economic assistance.

The United States also ordered Sa'd Haddad, who is one of the criminals and hirelings in Lebanon working for the regime occupying Jerusalem, to announce that he has dispatched 150 men to help Iran wage war against Saddam. And now the U.S. State Department has announced: We are ready for talks with Iran.

When we put all these things together we see that the U.S. scheme is to save Saddam, who is clearly identified as pro-U.S., while at the same time announcing: We are neutral in this war. The purpose of this is to subject the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has defeated all political and military plots, to fresh political pressure.

However, America should know that it is clear to all the world's Muslims and oppressed that all the plots against the Islamic revolution of Iran are hatched by the United States. It should also realize that all the world's Muslims know that the United States will never stop plotting against Iran's Islamic revolution.

Our candid reply to the U.S. State Department is that the Islamic Republic of Iran does not need assistance from any superpower in order to safeguard its territorial integrity. This is because we have pinned our hopes on God and because the strength of the Islamic Republic of Iran lies in a combatant nation which has amply demonstrated that it has the power to carry out such a task. We also reply by saying that we shall have no such talks with the U.S. Government and that, as our imam has put it, we consider it to be an arch-Satan.

We believe that talks between an oppressor and an oppressed party have no meaning or purpose whatsoever and will come to nothing but harm to the oppressed people. In this connection, we reiterate the remarks made by the illustrious Ayatollah Montazeri: We will never forget the slogan "Death to the United States."

TABRIZI: OVER 10,000 PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED

LD051048 Tehran IRNA in English 0923 GMT 5 Mar 82

[Text] Tehran, 5 Mar (IRNA) -- Some six to seven thousand prisoners, members of splinter groups and those convicted by the Islamic revolutionary courts from all over the country, would be pardoned within the next two months, announced the Prosecutor General of the Revolution Hojjat ol-Eslam Tabrizi Thursday. He added that with those to be pardoned by the Justice Ministry, the number would amount to over 10,000. This measure was taken following Imam Khomeyni's instruction to pardon prisoners given on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, Feb. 11.

The prosecutor general of the revolution was speaking at a press conference after inspecting the Islamic Revolutionary Court prison in Tabriz, West Azarbayjan Province.

Commenting on the present situation of the monafeqin [hypocrites], Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi-Tabrizi said that this faltering organisation was imitating the monarchist group, since the bomb which exploded in Sepah Square (former Eshratabad) on Feb. 22, was planted in a vehicle belonging to Salar Jaf, a notorious monarchist.

Two days later, he added, two powerful bombs were discovered in a car belonging to the MKO [Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization]. One of the bombs was set to explode in the headquarters of the committee [as received] on Tehran's Baharestan Square and the second near the residence of Ayatollah Montazeri in Qom, he remarked.

URUMIYEH JUDGE PROVIDES DETAILS OF COUP PLOT

LD051034 Tehran IRNA in English 0911 GMT 5 Mar 82

[Text] Tehran, 4 Mar (IRNA) -- The religious judge and head of the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Urumiyeh (West Azarbayjan), Hojjat ol-Eslam Imani, today disclosed more details on a recent plot by a group of counterrevolutionaries and influential feudatories [as received] to "overthrow" the Islamic Republic regime in Iran.

He said according to collected information, a fugitive army officer, General Kazem, had entered Iran via the Turkish border and had established contacts with some landlords of the region. The fugitive general had also contacted other counterrevolutionary elements in Urumiyeh, one of whom, the religious judge said, by the name of Iraj Tasaviq, had been arrested and confessed that members of the outlaw "Muslim People's Party" had also promised the general to collaborate with him. Hojjat ol-Eslam Imani further added that these counterrevolutionaries had agreed to attempt to replace the present Islamic regime in Iran with a monarchical one.

The religious judge then disclosed that a number of the group's members had been arrested and that strict measures were underway to arrest the rest of the members.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Imani further disclosed that a secret list of the plotters had been discovered, and he charged the arrested members with:

-- Participation in the plot to overthrow the Islamic Republic, led by the fugitive general;

-- Helping smugglers and agents of the former regime to flee the country via the border;

-- Narcotics dealing in several villages of the region;

-- Connection with the outlaw parties of KDP [Kurdish Democratic Party] and Komeleh in the region as well as arms and ammunition exchanges with them, and expelling Kurdish brothers and sisters from their homes and seizing their properties, on which many complaints have reached the revolutionary court and the IRGC, he concluded.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) of Urumiyeh on Wednesday promised the Kurdish Muslims that the group of arrested counterrevolutionaries would be given their due punishment by the Islamic revolutionary courts. Hundreds of Kurdish Muslims and other people on Wednesday voiced their support for the IRGC in front of the IRGC headquarters in Urumiyeh, minutes after the news of the arrest of the counterrevolutionaries was announced.

CLANDESTINE: AZARBAYJAN OPERATIONS INTENSIFYING

NC041318 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 3 Mar 82

[Text] KEYHAN, the state evening newspaper of Tehran, reported in its latest issue on the arrest of another group of patriots in Reza'iyeh and some other parts of West Azarbayjan. The occupied KEYHAN newspaper referred to these combatants as [words indistinct] and feudals of the Kurdish-inhabited areas of Reza'iyeh but it added in the same report that documents found on the arrested persons show their cooperation with the [Kurdish] Democratic Party and monarchists.

Referring to the sentence in the state newspaper, KEYHAN, that the arrested persons will be punished for their acts as soon as possible, a Voice of Iran correspondent has stressed that it is very likely that the arrested combatants will be executed soon.

Our correspondent adds that in view of the intensified liberating operations by national monarchist groups in Azarbayjan, especially around Reza'iyeh, the regime is terrified and in addition to dispatching more mercenary revolution guards, it organized street demonstrations and with threats forced several Reza'iyeh farmers to the streets. The interesting point is that in the street demonstration in Reza'iyeh the day before yesterday, most of the participants were Persephones and not natives -- in other words, members of the government revolution guards.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN: 2,400 BALUCHIS ARRESTED

GF050558 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] So far 2,400 Baluchi tribesmen have been arrested by agents of Khomeyni'a regime. Baluchi tribesmen have been arrested because the fighters of this region have refused to recognize the so-called Islamic, tyrannical regime and are continuing their struggle against the mullahs. According to reports, guards and regime security forces have arrested innocent and unarmed Baluchis, as they cannot reach the armed Baluchi combatants. The German news agency [not further specified], in a report today, referred to the allegation made by the newspaper ETTELA'AT, the antinationalist organ, which has cliamed that the arrested persons in Baluchestan were smugglers.

According to well-informed sources, more than 100 guards have so far been killed in clashes between guards and Baluchi combatants. It is noteworthy that most of the tribal regions of Sistan va Baluchestan are under the control of Baluchi combatants.

FORMER BANI-SADR AIDES HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

LD041312 Tehran IRNA in English 0902 GMT 4 Mar 82

[Text] Tehran, 4 Mar (IRNA) -- Sudabeh Sodeyfi, ousted President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's aide for liberation movements, Wednesday categorically denied Western press allegations against courts and prisons in Iran. Sodeyfi and her husband, Ahmad Ghazanfarpur, both under arrest, disclosed Bani-Sadr's conspiracies against the Islamic Republic in a press conference at Tehran Evin Prison.

She stressed that no one, if [words indistinct] having no conviction, would be executed. "Here is a university rather than being a prison," she said referring to [words indistinct] performed there. Ghazanfarpur, a former Majlis deputy, stripped from his seat on Jan. 1982 for being absent from the sessions for over 130 consecutive hours. [sentence as received]

Commenting on Bani-Sadr's stand, Ghazanfarpur said that the ousted president staged a pro-Islamic Republic propaganda campaign inside and outside the country prior to his presidency. But, after his election to the post, his position completely changed and by keeping away from ideological subjects and by relying on [words indistinct] issues he was absorbed by the U.S. line, he added. Bani-Sadr's goal was to oppose revolutionary institutions and the clergy, which would ultimately lead to the removal of Imam Khomeyni, he noted.

Asked about Bani-Sadr's role in the June 28th bomb explosion at the headquarters of the Islamic Republic Party in Tehran, Sodeyfi said that Mas'ud Rajavi, monafeqin (MKO) [Mojahedin-e Khalq] leader, had told Bani-Sadr that MKO would remove leading figures of the Islamic Republic to bring the country to the edge of destruction.

Ghazanfarpur, begging the nation to forgive the couple, said that Bani-Sadr had referred to the regime as a mediaeval religious dictatorship. But, he stressed, witnessing the overall support of the people for the clergy, they realized that dictatorship could not grow with the active presence of the people in political and economic fields. Referring to the so-called 'National Resistance Council' formed by Rajavi and Bani-Sadr in Paris, the former Majlis deputy said that the council was based on Bani-Sadr's [words indistinct] spirit and on the MKO to their disputes and to the cutting of the U.S. support for them.

DELEGATION LEAVES FOR POW TALKS IN KUWAIT

GF051018 Tehran IRNA in Arabic 0931 GMT 5 Mar 82

[Excerpt] Tehran, 5 Mar (IRNA) -- Brother Kazempur Ardabili, Foreign Ministry under secretary for international economic affairs, left Tehran for Kuwait at 1100 today at the head of an Iranian delegation for talks with Kuwaiti officials on regulating the passage of the families of Iranian prisoners of war to Iraq through Kuwaiti territory.

Rashid, Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry under secretary and chairman of the Kuwaiti committee for the regulation of the passage of the families of Iranian prisoners of war, had said that the Iranian initiative in inviting Iraqi families to visit their captured kinfolk is a humanitarian act that is rare in the history of wars.

The Iraqi regime officially agreed to the exchange of visits by families of prisoners of war when its stalling and evasion became exposed to public opinion and as a result of the political pressure generated by the international welcome and support for the decision of the Islamic Republic of Iran to invite Iraqi citizens to visit their captured kinfolk in Iran.

IRAQIS DEPORT 1,500 CIVILIANS ACROSS FRONTLINES

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[Text] At a time when the Islamic Republic of Iran, relying on the life-giving and man-making ideological school of Islam, is preparing to accord an unprecedented welcome to the families of Iraqi POW's and to undertake -- according to representatives of the International Red Cross organization -- an extraordinary, unprecedented, humanitarian measure, Saddam's hireling regime has once again demonstrated its criminal nature following the barbaric bombing of our country's southern cities, and Ilam and Eslamabad in the west.

This time, Baghdad's antihuman regime deported to Iran more than 1,000 of our sister and brother returnees, among whom tiny children could also be seen, in conditions of bitter cold and along the snowbound Qelqeleh and Tazehabad-e Gharb roads. They did not just simply let them loose, but after pillaging the belongings and money of our sister and brother returnees, forced them to take their shoes off and to march barefoot over icy ground. This caused the feet of our sisters and brothers to swell.

Would the so-called human rights organization consider this as trampling human rights under foot? And will it continue to remain silent?

In this connection, our colleague has a dispatch from the Bakhtaran center to which we now draw your attention:

Following the recent victories scored by the mighty troops of the Islamic army on the imposed-war fronts, and following the humanitarian suggestion by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for a meeting between POW's and their families, the blood-spilling agent and pro-U.S. Saddam regime has once again demonstrated its antihuman nature.

According to a report from the correspondent of the news and information unit in Bakhtaran center, from the first hours of this morning more than 1,500 Iraqi Muslim people -- among whom could be seen pregnant women, tiny children and old men -- were deported through our country's western borders under the worst weather conditions.

The same report says: Along some difficult routes and on forward lines of the fronts of the imposed war, a group of these oppressed people were martyred by the cold, hunger and mines planted by the Ba'thist mercenaries.

In an interview with the correspondent of the news and information unit of Bakhtaran center, the Javanrud district officer said: The malignant Saddam, with these savage deeds, has made history's butchers look like angels.

He added: So far, about 1,000 of our Muslim sisters and brothers have been accounted for and we have transported a number of them to Javanrud by any means at our disposal so that they might be quickly housed in suitable camps. It is essential for us here to express gratitude for the acts of self-sacrifice by our army, jihad and corps brothers and those from other popular forces who are protecting us in this task.

One Iraqi deportee, in an interview with our correspondent, described Iraq's internal situation as critical. He said: In Iraq anyone who speaks of being a Muslim is arrested and severely punished. He added: Anyone who puts up the least resistance to the Ba'thists faces a hail of bullets, together with his family. The criminal Saddam's agents, after putting us in prison for 2 months and torturing us, threw us into trucks at 0200 and then turned us loose in the mountains. A number of our children, old men and women were martyred along the route.

He added: Following the victories scored by the forces of Islam, the Ba'thists' pressure on the people has increased and no one is prepared to dispatch his son to the fronts.

In connection with the dispatch of Jordanian and Egyptian forces to Iraq, he said: The security of sensitive spots is entrusted to Jordanian and Egyptian mercenaries, and the Iraqi nation is revolted by the Saddam regime.

In conclusion, he put a question to those organizations supporting human rights. He said: Why do you not say anything? Why have you chosen to remain silent to all these crimes perpetrated by the hireling Saddam regime? We expect the world Muslim nation to convey our cry to the ears of the world's humanitarian people.

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[Text] In the name of God. The warriors of the Islamic army opened fire on enemy positions in the last 24 hours, inflicting losses and casualties on the aggressors.

In the region to the west of Dezful, our forces, defending their positions, answered the enemy's fire and killed 25 of Saddam's personnel. During these operations, one enemy tank and four heavy machineguns were destroyed.

On the Dasht-e 'Abbas, Shush and Reqabiyeh fronts, enemy losses included one tank, one mortar and four trenches. Enemy casualties were 20 dead or injured.

In the Abadan region, our forces prevented the enemy from digging new trenches and moving, and destroyed a number of Iraqi trenches and killed a number of enemy forces.

Yesterday the army of Saddam brought the residential sector of Abadan under fire. As a result of mortar fire, a number of civilian units were destroyed and a number of our compatriots were martyred or injured.

As a result of fire directed at enemy positions in the occupied sector of Khuninshahr by the personnel of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, one enemy vehicle was destroyed and its occupants were killed.

In the operational regions in the west of the country exchanges of artillery and mortar fire continued between our forces and those of the enemy.

In the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region, 7 trenches, 1 tank and 1 enemy vehicle were destroyed by our combatants and 12 Iraqi personnel were killed. In the Gilan-e Gharb region, in the Dar Ballut, (Bajgiran) and Tang-e Hajiyan positions, sporadic exchanges of fire continued and one enemy heavy machinegun and two vehicles were destroyed by our artillery units, while seven of the aggressors were killed or injured.

Yesterday, the air defense units of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran forced enemy aircraft in the border regions in the south and west of the country to flee.

RADIO IRAN: USSR NAVAL, AIR UNITS TO USE BASE

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[Text] Quoting informed sources, the French newspaper LE FIGARO has reported that Ayatollah Khomeyni's Islamic rule has placed the partially completed Iranian Armed Forces military base in Chah Bahar at the disposal of the Soviet Union. According to LE FIGARO, the construction work on the air and naval bases of Chah Bahar is now being carried out under the supervision of Soviet advisers.

With the establishment of Soviet air and naval units in Chah Bahar the long-standing wish of the rulers of Russia to gain access to the warm seas of the south will be fulfilled, and control over the oil route from the Persian Gulf nations will be put at the disposal of the Soviet Union.

This report has also been confirmed by Italian correspondents who have recently returned from Pakistan. Somalian President Siad Barre has also told correspondents that he has information in hand which confirms this report.